

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bodish. In attendance were Burkner, Eisenhower, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Royer, and Sodl, as well as Mayor Molitoris, Borough Engineer Witczak, Police Chief Genovese, EMA Coordinator Buskaritz and PWD Boyle. Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent. Pres. Bodish led pledge of allegiance.

At this time, bids for the North Front Street project were opened by Secretary Gynecsek. Two bids were received as follows: Charles D. Herman Inc \$281,570.00 and Barker & Barker \$339,344.00. Bids were turned over to Borough Engineer Witczak for review to recommend for award at regular meeting.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S. 4th St., thought bids on the rental house were to be opened tonight. Pres. Bodish responded same had to be pushed back 1 week, will open and award at 4/12 regular meeting. Ms. Killeen questioned if UGI has completed replacement work on Front Street since we are repaving, and what about NBMA and CWSA. Pres. Bodish responded all were previously notified of our repaving project. Ms. Killeen stated with bridge construction upcoming there will be limited or no access to borough property at 1 Bridge Street based on what she saw during bridge work on Lehigh Street. Sodl responded we will have access to property. Pres. Bodish added building will not be started prior to bridge reconstruction. Ms. Killeen stated should improve storm run off before repaving Front Street, don't forget the damage done by 6/30/15 storm. Pres. Bodish stated planned Hokendauqua storm drain upgrades with Whitehall for same.

PWD Boyle reported March completed work included replacement of exterior lights at fire department, repainting exterior doors at fire department, CFC and tennis court building, removal of old light pole's at Balliet Stadium, recoating leaking roof over municipal building gym, finished site cleanup and trash removal at 1 Bridge Street, began cleaning storm drains on Front Street and inspecting for damage and repairs needed, began clean up at parkway and Saylor field, pavilion cleaned for rental season, trimmed trees at Saylor field, completed routine building maintenance, routine sanitation pickups and routine street work. Yard waste collections for the year began on April 1. Street Sweeping is scheduled for Wednesday, 5/11 and Thursday, 5/12. Tire drop off is scheduled for Saturday, 5/7, location has been moved to the 1 Bridge Street property.

EMA Coordinator Buskaritz had nothing to report.

Chief Genovese reported 150 calls for March, 2016 with 6 arrests, 8 traffic violations, 5 written warnings and 12 borough parking tickets issued. Yearly updates completed by all officers. In May, firearms and taser training scheduled. Looking to hire two additional part time officers, recommending Ryan Emerich be hired contingent on passing background check. Eisenhower questioned how many hours are part time officers used. Chief Genovese responded, normally around 3 open shifts per week with more during vacation months. Sodl stated funding for these hours already included in the yearly part time officer wages budget. Sodl questioned status of Officer Purcell. Chief Genovese responded, nothing resolved to date, still awaiting report from Northampton District Attorney.

Fire Chief Buskaritz was absent, Sodl read March, 2016 report, 14 calls for the month. Two volunteers will attend emergency vehicle driver training course and 1 Bridge Street building prepped for training exercises. Attended, along with rest of department, procession for Whitehall Fire Chief Benner who passed away last week, Coplay along with many area departments on hand to show support, very moving scene.

Secretary Gynecsek reported Resolution #1416 prepared for submission with DCNR grant application for Saylor Park, Ordinance #823 prepared for annual police pension contribution, normally passed in December however awaited resolution of new police contract. Performance grant for calendar year 2015 recycling tonnage submitted to state. Annual municipal audit completed by auditors and was advertised and submitted to DCED, if any member would like copy for review contact office.

Discussion of any problems/matters:

Updates to Coplay Library Policies – background checks and personal appearance. Eisenhower explained background check policy updated to agree with new state regulations and just a minor update to personal appearance policy re: dress code. No questions by members, motion at regular meeting.

Request received from Milander's Deli for two additional 15 minute parking spaces on North side of Center Street, across the street from market. Chief Genovese stated normally do not offer parking on both sides of street for businesses, there are 3 spaces on South side of Center Street, same side as business. Does not believe business warrants need for additional spaces. Sodl stated may want to consider a compromise, add one more space on South side of Center Street, encourage business. Chief Genovese stated Bacon Strip on

North 2nd Street only has two spaces, much busier business. Also, completed daily traffic checks at different times/days before coming to determination. Can always revisit issuance of additional spaces at later date. Motion to deny request at regular meeting.

Waive fee for use of pavilion from Girl Scouts of Eastern PA on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 for annual picnic for leaders and adult volunteers. No comments or questions by members, motion at regular meeting.

Pres. Bodish asked for any other items for discussion, there were none.

Mayor Molitoris reported received parking complaint from South 3rd Street resident, employees of Baseball Solutions on South 2nd Street. Chief Genovese stated has been in contact with owner of business, they were having training, however since then shifts are being staggered and speaks to employees regarding parking situation, owner has always responded to our concerns and worked with us on the parking issues.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Sodl thanked Chief Genovese and fire department for service this month. Regarding Whitehall Fire Chief Benner, he helped significantly when I became council member in charge of fire department, always took time for discussions and answering any questions, in lieu of flowers they are asking for donations in Chief Benner's name be made to the Benner Training Facility in Whitehall. Coplay uses this facility to train at no fee, would like to send a donation of \$500.00 on behalf of Coplay. No comments or questions from members, motion at regular meeting. Requesting, on behalf of Chief Genovese, approval to purchase two radar speed signs. Funds for this purchase would be taken from 2015 budget excess that was transferred to departmental projects account for purchases in 2016. Cost for each is approximately \$2,500, going with solar powered instead of battery and will be installed on portable, moveable poles so they can be used anywhere complaints are received. In addition to showing speed, they collect data from both directions of vehicle counts, speeds with date and time. This would be a preventive tool, cannot be used to give out tickets. Molitoris questioned if there is a benefit to purchasing two signs at this time. Chief Genovese responded signs are on sale, normally cost \$4,000 each. Mayor Molitoris stated fully supports purchase. Eisenhower commented on complaints near her residence on South 2nd Street, would be useful tool. No further comments or questions by members, motion at regular meeting. Sodl asked for discussion by members regarding property at 130 South 9th Street, this property was previously condemned by codes enforcement officer Helman approximately two years ago, resident moved from property to live with someone else down the street, has since been removed from that residence and may be living back in condemned property. In addition, real estate taxes are 3 years in arrears and garbage fee has not been paid since 2009. Questioning what is borough's liability if she is living at a condemned property, very concerned. Pres. Bodish questioned how long since she has returned to property, with response of approximately 3 weeks. Code Enforcement Officer Helman stated he must complete final inspection and issue Certificate of Occupancy prior to allowing anyone to occupy the property. Pres. Bodish questioned if water and electric are on at property. Helman stated unsure of same, was shut off when no one in residence. Molitoris questioned since property was condemned, cannot be inhabited until CO is issued, with an affirmative response from Helman. Chief Genovese stated this is civil matter and should discuss with Solicitor Preston as to how to proceed. Helman added if council wants to chain and board to not allow entry, should check with Solicitor on that as well. Secretary will send information to Solicitor Preston and request he report on same with options available to council at regular meeting.

Royer reported roof bid package has been received from Keystone Consulting Engineers, advertised on April 7 and April 14 with bids due 5/3 and opened at 5/3 workshop meeting. 38 South 4th Street, no response to initial open house on 3/30, second open house on 4/6 in evening; office advertised in WC Press, on Craig's List, and forwarded to approximately 8 local realtors. Bids are due at next week's regular meeting. Painting at fire department will be completed shortly. Sodl requested one week notice for department personnel. PWD Boyle stated is in contact with Asst. Chief Schleicher on same. Royer continued, CWSA annual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Sewer Authority building, all members invited to attend.

Burker reported committee interviewed guards and pool managers, recommends hiring pavilion cleaner Ronald Jany; lifeguards - Courtney Dragovits, Brynn Delvecchio, Jarred Walker, Jenna Eberhardt, Samantha Molitoris and Rebecca Kosar; clean up - Bill Decker; Pool Manager - Dawn Sellers. There are four additional guard applicants to interview, sometime next week and two applications were received after deadline. Reviewed rates, committee recommending no increase for Coplay season pass rates, no longer will offer lower rate for Whitehall residents, they will be considered as Non Resident which will be increased to \$190 for family, \$80 for adult, \$50 for student and \$9 daily. Increases bring us in line with other municipal pools in our area. Committee is also recommending, again based on a salary survey from the office, we increase the starting

hourly rate for life guards from \$7.50 to \$7.75 per hour. No questions or comments by members, motions at regular meeting.

Eisenhauer reported recommending paying off crack seal loan early as we received annual liquid fuels allocation for 2016 in the amount of \$90,159 which was \$13,000 more than anticipated. Paying off loan early will result in savings of \$400. Attended police pension meeting last week with new representative from Morgan Stanley, good discussion. One additional library policy needs updating, board will prepare for next month. Also, library received glowing audit report from Auditor for 2015 books. Largest fundraiser of the year upcoming at Library, the Book/Bake Sale, all members received information on same, please consider attending this event.

Bodish reported 5/7 tire drop off at 1 Bridge Street, reminder this is for residents only, no businesses. 5/11 and 5/12 street sweeping, going back to two day event. Garbage tonnage for 2015 at 1,155 tons, recycling of 314 tons; 21.4% of total tonnage is recycled, should be closer to 30%. 314 tons down from previous years. Sodl stated would like to see a 20% increase in recycling tonnage which would result in a savings of \$10,000. Secretary stated requested sanitation driver conduct pick up counts on garbage runs and recycling run to get a better idea of how many households are not recycling. Molitoris suggested encouraging recycling with pamphlet or flyer. Discussion will continue upon receipt of additional information from sanitation.

Hearing of persons present:

Anne Killeen, 32 S. 4th St., agree with no need for additional parking at Milander's as there is parking issue when gym is in use. Re: condemned house, must check with Attorney. May need those lifeguards who applied after deadline, should consider. Burkner responded applicants received after deadline were told they will be contacted if openings available.

Mel Procanyn, 7 S. 8th St., questioned what portion of Front Street is being repaved. Pres. Bodish responded from Chestnut Street to 50' North of Keystone Alley. Mr. Procanyn questioned if this is where CWSA work is being done with a negative response. Pres. Bodish stated CWSA work is on South end of Front Street.

AT REGULAR MEETING:

Vote to award North Front Street project.

Vote to approve updates to Coplay Library Policies.

Vote on additional 15 minute parking spaces for Milander's Market.

Vote on use of pavilion at no fee by Girl Scouts on 5/24/16.

Vote on sale of 38 South 4th Street.

Vote on Resolution #1416 to submit DCNR Grant for Saylor Park project.

Vote on Resolution #1417 adopting new collective bargaining agreement with Coplay Police Officer's Association.

Vote on Resolution #1418 to update fee schedule.

Vote on Ordinance #823 re: zero contribution to Police Pension Plan for 2016.

Vote on hiring of part time officer Emerich, purchase of speed signal signs, payoff of crack seal loan, donation in memory of Whitehall Fire Chief Benner, hiring of lifeguards, pavilion cleaner, pool cleaner and pool manager.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Molitoris, second by Sodl to executive session for discussion of personnel and possible litigation. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7 PM.

Borough Secretary